Radford Women Win; Virginia Tech Loses

NORFOLK — Kim Miley of Roanoke hit three baskets in the final 2:27 of the first half to bring Madison into a halftime tie and then the Dukes broke away with seven unanswered points to start the second half for a 47-37 victory over Virginia Tech in the first round of the Virginia Federation of Intercollegiate Sports for Women state basketball tournament here Thursday.

In other first round games, Radford College got 24 points from Kelly Tipton to beat Virginia, 61-56, and top-seeded Old Dominion ripped Virginia Commonwealth, 96-45.

Miley, who attended Northside, finished the game with 13 points to lead Madison over the Gobblers. Tech led 20-14 with 2:27 left in the first half when Miley came through with her important points, all from the lane. She also had 10 rebounds and two assists.

Madison was helped considerably by Tech's poor shooting from the floor (21.6 per cent), especially in the second half when the Gobblers made four of 32 for 13 per cent.

Tipton, a freshman guard for Radford, was also named to the all-state team Thursday as the Highlanders came from a one-point halftime deficit to beat the Cavaliers.

Eight consecutive points in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the second half gave Radford a lead it never lost.

Radford now takes on Old Dominion in tonight's semifinals at 7 o'clock. Madison faces the winner of Longwood-Norfolk State at 9.

Old Dominion 96, VCU 45
VCU (45)—Stovall 2, Usher 1, Woody 4, Hester 12, Williams 2, Allen 4, Burke 2, Locke 1, Cooper 4, Skinner 13, Casey 0.
OLD DOMINION (96)—Lieberman 17, Abraham 0, Richard 4, Burke 12, Davy 2, Colman 13, Doherty 8, Burgin 12, Hall 2, Richardson 9, Nissen 13.
Score at half: 44-20, Old Dominion.

Radford 61, Virginia 56
VIRGINIA (56)—Hoffman 2, Williams 24, Bean 0, Shorten 8, Berry 6, Stenzel 2, Sapp 14.
RADFORD (61)—Tipton 24, Hensley 8, Jones 8, Rice 2, Van Lear 10, Branch 9.
Score at half: 28-27, Virginia.

Madison 47, Virginia Tech 37
VIRGINIA TECH (37)—Morris 4, Thomas 7, Oley 2, Bradley 10, Garbis 9, Burforla 3, Hylton 2.
MADISON (47)—Notaro 3, Peter 10, Childress 8, Abbott 2, Cessna 4, Miley 12, Harvey 6.
Score at half: 20-20.